

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for lifting a wheelchair from a first location to a second location generally above the first location, transporting the wheelchair from the second location to a third location, and moving the wheelchair from the third location downward to a fourth location comprising:

a lift assembly for moving the wheelchair from the first location to the second location, said lift assembly including an upright first member and an upright second member movably mounted on the first member, a first linear actuator connected to the first and second members operable to selectively raise and lower the second member relative to the first member, a platform for supporting the wheelchair, a coupling member secured to the platform and second member adapted to be connected to the wheelchair, said coupling member and platform being located in front of the second member, a first stop member mounted on the coupling member operable to prevent rearward movement of the wheelchair, a headrest connected to the first member of the lift assembly above and rearwardly of the platform, a transport assembly connected to the first member for moving the lift assembly, headrest and platform from the second location to the third location, said transport assembly including a first beam adapted to be a connected to a support and a second beam movably mounted on the first beam for movement between extended and contracted positions, said second beam being secured to said first member of the lift assembly, a second linear actuator connected to the first and second beams operable to selectively move the second beam between said extended and contracted positions thereby moving the lift assembly, headrest and platform from the second location to the third location, anchors located in the fourth location adapted to be secured to the support for holding the platform into the fourth location, said anchors comprising a plurality of upright fixed pins, said platform having a plurality of holes accommodating the pins to retain the platform in the fourth

location and a second stop member for preventing forward movement of the wheelchair when the platform is in the fourth location, said first actuator being operable to move the platform downward from the third location to the fourth location into engagement with the anchors and retain the platform in the fourth location.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: the first and second members are first and second tubular members, said first linear actuator being located within and connected to the first and second tubular members.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 3 Claim 1 wherein: the headrest includes a generally horizontal member, means connecting the horizontal member to the first member of the lift assembly, an upright plate connected to the horizontal member, and at least one pad mounted on the plate.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 5 wherein: the anchors include Claim 1 wherein: the upright pins having upper ends located in said holes and nuts threaded on the pins for supporting the platform on the pins.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: said coupling member includes a generally horizontal slot and a stop bolt, said first stop member extended through the slot and secured to the coupling member, said stop bolt being operable to limit rearward movement of the wheelchair on the platform.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: said coupling has a generally horizontal top wall having inwardly converging inside edges providing a generally V-shaped mouth and a linear slot open to the mouth adapted to accommodate anchor bolts attached to the wheelchair, and a stop bolt said first stop member extended through the slot and secured to

the top wall, ~~said stop bolt being and~~ engaged by the anchor bolts to limit rearward movement of the wheelchair on the platform.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein: the first and second beams are first and second box beams, said second linear actuator being located within and connected to said first and second box beams.

10-37. (Canceled).